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SUBJECT: PRC ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN IN REPROCESSING

REF: ISLAMABAD 8222

1. DEPARTMENT FOUND AMBASSADOR'S FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION WITH
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PRC AMBASSADOR ON POSSIBILITY OF PRC REPLACING FRENCH AS
SUPPLIER OF REPROCESSING PLANT MOST HELPFUL. PRC ASSUR-
ANCES THAT CHINESE HAVE NO INTENTION OF AIDING PAKISTANIS
IN REPROCESSING SEEM CREDIBLE SINCE IT WOULD NOT SEEM TO
SERVE PRC INTERESTS TO UNDERCUT US AND FRENCH NUCLEAR
POLICY AT THIS TIME.

2. AS A TECHNICAL MATTER, HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT CHINESE PRESUMABLY COULD PROVIDE PAKISTAN WITH A REPROCESS-
ING FACILITY SUITABLE FOR EXTRACTION OF PLUTONIUM FROM THE
SPENT FUEL OF THE KARACHI NUCLEAR POWER PLANT (KANUPP)
PARTICULARLY IF THE FUEL WERE SUITABLY MODIFIED. SUCH A
FACILITY COULD BE LESS SOPHISTICATED AND VERSATILE THAN THE
PROPOSED FRENCH PLANT AND THUS EASIER TO CONSTRUCT.

3. DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO BE INTERESTED IN ANY INDICATION
OF ANY FOREIGN TECHNICAL OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR A RE-
PROCESSING PROJECT IN PAKISTAN. CHRISTOPHER

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